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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2152

Alok Kumar Srivastava, et al.

Examiner: Beatriz Prieto

Serial No.: 09/258,013

*Scheduled 11:00 AM
7/30/02*

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For: DETERMINING THE PARTICIPANTS IN A
DISTRIBUTED OPERATION*1/26/02
Spoke w/Bingham*Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PROPOSED AGENDA FOR EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW**

Sir:

The Representative for the Applicant, Marcel K. Bingham is proposing an examiners interview with Examiner Beatriz Prieto, to discuss the agenda items listed below.

1. Discuss why Iba allegedly discloses the following limitation in claim 1:
"causing a node that requires information about participants in said distributed operation to retrieve said participant data from said name service."

Applicant does not believe this limitation is disclosed or suggested in any way

by Iba. Possibly, the Examiner has analogized the name service to the global lock detector and a node retrieving information to a local lock manager. Local

lock managers transmit requests to register information specifying a waiting and blocking transaction, and requests to deregister the information. (col. 9,

line 24 - 36) However, there is no suggestion that the local lock managers request or obtain information about other participants from the global lock

detector. ^{OAM P. 6} 3/55-61 & 4/12-42*OAM P. 6 IBA EXPLANATION; OAM P. 2/...*
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2. A clarification of the following citation to Iba, which the Examiner asserts shows the above limitation, as follows.

Iba teaches means for causing a application node to retrieve information from a database participating in a distributed operation which includes causing said node to retrieve said participant data in response to said node performing an exclusive control means (col 4/lines 12-22, requesting application performing required lock acquisition means, database server participating in distributed transaction operations); (page 2, 3rd full paragraph)

3. What particular elements and actions in the limitation correlate to what particular entities and actions in Iba, specifically to:

- DAM P.6, 2 (IBA) & P.1 (HEREIN)
DAM P.6 (IBA) LHM by means of LHM using Table 19
- a) the name service from which the participant data is retrieved;
 - b) a node that retrieves information from the name service, where information is participant data;
 - c) the participant data retrieved;
 - d) the node that retrieves the data; and
 - e) a participant

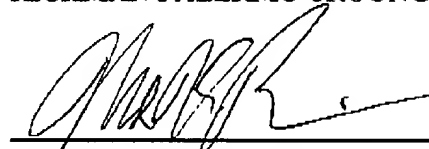
Examiner suggested AP to be more specific although applicant concedes DAM has established a correlation

4. The following limitation from claim 6:

"the step of causing a node to retrieve said participant data includes causing a node that requires information about participants in said distributed database transaction to retrieve said participant data from said name service."

Respectfully submitted,

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